

House Resolution No. 3578

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those individuals who are willing to risk their own safety in order to lessen the dangers posed by unexpected events; and

Whereas, on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, a South Pemiscot County R-V School District student was stabbed multiple times by another juvenile while riding a school bus to the South Pemiscot High School located in Steele, Missouri; and

Whereas, the severely injured student survived the incident in large measure because of the combined efforts of the bus driver, customers at the Car-Mac Travel Center convenience store where the bus stopped, the Car-Mac Travel Center owner, and local public safety officials from Pemiscot County Ambulance, the Pemiscot County Sheriff's Department, the Cooter Police Department, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol; and

Whereas, Patty Woody of Steele, Missouri, is a retired teacher who now serves as a full-time bus driver in the South Pemiscot County R-V School District; and

Whereas, when Patty Woody became aware of what was occurring on her bus, she notified the school's transportation department and administration of the incident and then looked for a safe place to park the bus and seek help; and

Whereas, Patty Woody pulled into the parking lot of the Car-Mac convenience store, where several people came to the aid of the injured student and also disarmed the assailant before law enforcement personnel arrived; and

Whereas, Patty Woody is justifiably proud also to be known as the wife of the late Ed Woody and the loving mother of Phillip Woody, Don Woody, and the late Tommy Woody:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to commend the highly professional actions of Patty Woody in a time of crisis and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued success in life for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Patty Woody of Steele, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry Swinger
District No. 162

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3578, adopted May 11, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker